

Arizona Rural Transit Needs Study
Project Tasks:

Task I: Identifying Arizona socio-economic, population, and other trends

- Population
- Elderly/Youth population
- Low income/poverty (Mobility-Limited, Zero-Vehicle) populations
- Employment demographics
- Economic factors
- Unmet transit needs
- Other determinants

Task II: Identify, quantify, and qualify study areas

- Study area inclusions and exclusions
- MAG, CYMPO, PAG, YMPO, FMPO overview
- 5311 Program overview
- Current/anticipated future RTA's
- 2010 census projections, including potential new MPO's
- Identification of regional and sub-regional system areas for reasons of connectivity
- Coordination implications of JARC and New Freedoms funding
- Tribal funding category

Task III: Rural transit needs and existing plans

- Identify national trends to address rural transit needs
- Arizona trends at the regional level
- Status of current available Rural transit plans
- Identification of regional and/or local planning "districts"

Task IV: Current State, Regional, and local Transit Funding

- MPO status
- COG status
- City/Town/County status
- State status
- Federal status
- Tribal Funds

Task V: Research based upon surveying, public meetings, and stakeholder input

- Residents
- Stakeholders
- Major Employers

Task VI: Estimating Rural Demand

- Discussion of modeling techniques
- Development of regional and/or local applications
- Selection of preferred modeling
- Model applications and methodology
- Model outcomes based upon applications

Task VII: Quantify Transit need

- Cost Estimating methodology
- Application of methodology: Service Quantity and Costs
- Summary of results

Task VIII: Solution alternatives

- Recommendations on service alternatives
- Recommendations on funding alternatives
- Recommendations on statutory alternatives

Task IX: Strategic Transit Plan:

- Develop draft Goals, Objectives and Vision
- Identify service areas (links)
- Develop draft service-implementation plan